

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/068,295 <b>Examiner</b> LECHI TRUONG	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MITCHELL ET AL. <b>Art Unit</b> 2194
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1.  This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 05/01/2010.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-6, 19, 21, 23-25 now renumbered as claims 1-10.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/17/2010.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/LeChi Truong/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2194

**Examiner's Amendment**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John A. Fortkort (Registration number: 38,454) on 12/17/2010.
3. Amend the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information-processing method including:

receiving a message;

ascertaining whether the message is in a selected application format;

if the message is not in the selected application format:

routing the message to a next location; and

if the message is in the selected format:

routing the message to a selected application processor;

processing the message by the selected application processor; and

routing the message to the next location[.]

wherein the selected application format relates to the encryption status of the message, and wherein the message has a property selected from the group consisting of:  
(a) the message is in the selected application format if it is not encrypted, and the message is not in the selected application format if it is encrypted, and (b) the message is in the selected application format if it is encrypted, and the message is not in the selected application format if it is not encrypted;

wherein receiving a packet or the message from a network includes receiving the packet from a packet switched network;

and processing the message by the selected application processor includes decrypting the message by the selected application processor;

wherein first and second iterations of the method are performed, and wherein the receiving a message of the second iteration corresponds to the routing of the message to a next location of the first iteration, whereby the message is processed in a pipeline fashion.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving the message includes receiving [[a]] the packet.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the packet includes receiving the packet from [[a ]]the network.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim [[4]] 3, wherein the network is the Internet.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein

ascertaining whether the message is in [[a ]]the selected application format  
includes ascertaining whether the message is encrypted; and  
processing the message by the selected application processor includes decrypting  
the message by the selected application processor.

7-18 . (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information-processing method, including:

receiving a message;  
after receiving the message: ascertaining whether the message is  
susceptible to be processed by a particular application;  
if the message is susceptible to be processed by the particular application:  
routing the message to an application service device that is adapted to use  
the particular application to process the message;  
after routing the message to the application service device: processing the  
message by the application service device using the particular application;  
after processing the message: routing the message to a next location; and if the  
message is not an application-specific message: routing the message to the next  
location;

wherein the particular application comprises a decryption application, wherein a  
message susceptible to be processed by the particular application comprises an encrypted  
message, wherein first and second iterations of the method are performed, and wherein

the receiving a message of the second iteration corresponds to the routing of the message to the next location of the first iteration, whereby the message is processed in a pipeline fashion.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The information-processing method of Claim [[20]]  
19, wherein the message is a packet.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for processing information, comprising:  
receiving a packet in a packet filter from a switched network;  
ascertaining whether the packet is in sequence or out of sequence;  
if the packet is out of sequence:

routing the packet to a packet sequencer, and

routing the packet from the packet sequencer to a selected application processor;

and

if the packet is in sequence:

routing the packet to a selected application processor;

processing the packet by the selected application processor; and

routing the packet to the next location;

wherein processing the packet by the selected application processor includes decrypting the packet, wherein first and second iterations of the method are performed, and wherein the receiving a message of the second iteration corresponds to the routing of the message to the next location of the first iteration, whereby the message is processed in a pipeline fashion.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected application format relates to the encryption status of the message, wherein the message is in the selected application format if it is encrypted, and wherein the message is not in the selected application format if it is not encrypted.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected application format relates to the encryption status of the message, wherein the message is in the selected application format if it is not encrypted, and wherein the message is not in the selected application format if it is encrypted.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 1, 19, 23 the prior arts do not teach or render obvious the limitations recited in claims 1, 19, 23 when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, if the message is not in the selected application format: routing the message to a next location; and if the message is in the selected format: routing the message to a selected application

processor; processing the message by the selected application processor; and routing the message to the next location; wherein the selected application format relates to the encryption status of the message, and wherein the message has a property selected from the group consisting of: (a) the message is in the selected application format if it is not encrypted, and the message is not in the selected application format if it is encrypted, and (b) the message is in the selected application format if it is encrypted, and the message is not in the selected application format if it is not encrypted; wherein receiving the packet from a network includes receiving the packet from a packet switched network; and processing the message by the selected application processor includes decrypting the message by the selected application processor as recited in the independent claim 1 , routing the message to a next location; and if the message is not an application-specific message: routing the message to the next location; wherein the particular application comprises a decryption application, wherein a message susceptible to be processed by the particular application comprises an encrypted message, wherein first and second iterations of the method are performed, and wherein the receiving a message of the second iteration corresponds to the routing of the message to the next location of the first iteration, whereby the message is processed in a pipeline fashion, as recited in claim 19 and if the packet is in sequence: routing the packet to a selected application processor; processing the packet by the selected application processor; routing the packet to the next location ; wherein processing the packet by the selected application processor includes decrypting the packet, wherein first and second iterations of the method are performed, and wherein the receiving a message of the second iteration corresponds to

the routing of the message to the next location of the first iteration, whereby the message is processed in a pipeline fashion as recited in claim 23. Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 1, 19, 23 above.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sough Hyung can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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